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Harder than diamond?
Epitracheal gland (EG) of a *Manduca sexta* (tobacco hornworm) pharate pupa. The gland is composed of a large lina cell (left, \( \approx 140 \) micrometers in diameter), which produces the ecdysis-triggering hormone, and two smaller glandular cells (right). Individual EGs are attached to the ventral side of the tracheal tube adjacent to each spiracle, comprising a peripheral, segmentally distributed endocrine system of 18 glands per animal. See page 88 and the Perspective on page 40. [Image: Dusan Zitnan]

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